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SUMMARY: DURING EXTENDED DISCUSSION APRIL 5, FONMIN KARKI EXPRESSED EXTREME DISPLEASURE WITH MODALITIES OF NONALIGNED PROCEEDINGS, BUT FELT NEPAL SHOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN NONALIGNED MEETINGS. HE SAID NEPAL HAD MADE RESERVATIONS DIS-ASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM EXTREMIST POSITIONS REFLECTED FINAL DECLARATION NONALIGNED CORRDINATING BUREAU ALGIERS MEETING. I COVERED GROUND ON PRG, GRUNK AND DIEGO GARCIA ISSUES AND KARKI WAS RESPONSIVE EXCEPT ON KHMER ISSUE WHERE NEPAL HAD ALREADY PUBLICLY COMMITTED ITSELF. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT FOUR-NATION NONALIGNED ENERGY COMMITTEE STILL AWAITS KUWAITI INITIATIVE
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TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH OPEC REPS. END SUMMARY

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN KARKI APRIL 5 TO DISCUSS RECENTLY CONCLUDED MEETING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU WHICH HE ATTENDED. I EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BUREAU HAD APPARENTLY ISSUED "FINAL DECLARATION" WHICH CONDEMNED US PLANS TO EXPAND NAVAL BASE AT DIEGO GARCIA AND APPEALED FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG AND SIHANOUK'S GRUNK.

2. AS HE HAS AFTER PAST NONALIGNED MEETINGS, KARKI EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH WAY IN WHICH SUCH SESSIONS ARE CONDUCTED. IN STRONG LANGUAGE HE SAID THAT MILITANT REPRESENTATIVES WHO RAILROAD PROCEEDINGS CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED AS REPRESENTING PARTICIPATING NATIONS BUT RATHER AS SPOKESMAN OF "LEFTIST PARTIES." HE SAID THEY UTILIZED "SAME OLD TACTICS" OF ALL-NIGHT SESSIONS AND WHAT AMOUNTED TO PERSONAL ATTACKS AGAINST DELEGATION LEADERS WHO OFFERED ANY OPPOSITION. MAIN SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, ENERGY CRISIS AND FORTHCOMING UN SPECIAL SESSION. NEPAL, HE SAID, ENTERED "GENERAL RESERVATIONS" TO PROPOSALS THAT NON-ALIGNED BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, DENOUNCE DIEGO GARCIA PLAN AND RECOGNIZE PRG. THESE RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT EVEN ENTERED INTO RECORD OF GENERAL PROCEEDINGS AND "FINAL DECLARATION" WAS ON BASIS OF "CONSENSUS," AS IS USUALLY THE CASE IN NONALIGNED CONCLAVES. KARKI SAID DESPONDENTLY THAT "ALL OF NEPAL'S NEIGHBORS" SEEM NOW TO BE SIDING WITH THE MILITANTS OF THE NONALIGNED, AND HE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT PRESSURES ARE BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GON FROM THEM WHICH ARE MOST DIFFICULT TO RESIST BECAUSE OF NEPAL'S LANDLOCKED POSITION AND VULNERABILITY. "WE COULD WALK OUT OF NON-ALIGNED," HE VOLUNTEERED, "BUT WE HAVE TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE MEMBERSHIP."

3. BEARING DOWN ON PRG-GRUNK ISSUE, PER REFTTEL, I SAID WE HAD BEEN "KEENLY DISAPPOINTED" WHEN GON SUPPORTED GRUNK AT LAST UNGA, AND REHEARSED REASONS WHY NEITHER GUNK NOR PRG SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED OR ACCORDED VOICE IN UN BODIES AND DANGERS FOR COUNTRY SUCH AS NEPAL IN SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE EFFORTS TO INVOLVE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN INTERFERING IN INTERNAL POLITICAL DISPUTES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES BY ACCORDING STATUS TO DISSIDENT POLITICAL FACTIONS. KARKI SAID GON WILL CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN WHEREVER ISSUE OF PRG SUPPORT COMES UP AND HAD RECENTLY INSTRUCTED ITS DELEGATION TO CURRENT COLOMBO ECAFE MEETING TO TAKE

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THAT POSITION ON PRG.

4. I ALSO WENT OVER THE GROUND ON DIEGO GARCIA, CHARACTERIZING THE NONALIGNED POSITION AS STATED AT ALGIERS AS THOROUGHLY ALIGNED WITH SOVIET VIEWS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SEEMED RESPONSIVE TO MY DEVELOPMENT OF THE LINE THAT NEPAL'S INTERESTS IN THE BALANCE OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA WERE BY NO MEANS IDENTICAL WITH SOVIET OR INDIAN INTERESTS.

5. KARKI VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT FOUR-NATION NONALIGNED COMMITTEE (NEPAL, SRI LANKA, LIBERIA AND GUYANA) CONSTITUTED AT ALGIERS TO NEGOTIATE ENERGY ISSUES WITH OPEC COUNTRIES WAS TO HAVE HELD MEETING WITH OPEC REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY KUWAIT, HE SAID, BUT THUS FAR WHILE THE FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATING AMONGST THEMSELVES, NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM KUWAIT. NOW, HE IMAGINES, THE FOUR WILL MEET WITH OPEC REPS AT NEW YORK DURING UNGA AND THIS WILL BE REPRESENTED AS SUBSTANTIVE MEETING. HE INDICATED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND PROSPECTS THUS FAR FOR THE COMMITTEE.

6. COMMENT: AS IN THE PAST, KARKI EXPRESSED STRONG DISPLEASURE WITH METHODS EMPLOYED BY MILITANT NONALIGNED TO REACH "CONSENSUS" DURING THEIR MEETINGS. HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT DIVERGENT VIEWS OR RESERVATIONS WOULD EVER BE ADEQUATELY REFLECTED IN RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE FELT THAT NEPAL IS LISTENED TO AND RESPECTED AND THAT THEREFORE NEPAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP IS ON BALANCE BETTER THAN PULLING OUT, ALTHOUGH HE REFLECTED ALOUD ON THIS POSSIBILITY. I THINK THIS CONCLUSION IS CORRECT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW.

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